

PDB Board Meeting Notes

February 13, 2007

Barty Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:15 with a forum present. Board members present: Barty Bullock, George Flynn, Mike Wilson, John Prather, Jeff Burdette, Sara Boswell Dent, Garland Vanhook. Also present at table: David Tapp, Hugh Bennett, Vince Gabbert and Board Secretary Lorie Hines.

Motion by John Prather second by George Flynn to approve minutes as submitted, motion unanimous.

Dr. Crase – stated that he is willing to donate seven acres free of charge to the county if the county will purchase three acres.

Hugh Bennett – gave architects report on the four proposals submitted by DSDC at last meeting.

Central Avenue – would have little effect on revitalization of Downtown. This property does not fulfill revitalization or reinforcement of Downtown area.

Maple Street – the depth of the building site is too narrow.

Vine Street – enormous problems with elevations. It is 35 feet below the square. An increase in height ranging from 15 feet to 28 feet would have to occur. At three stories the elevation of the roof would be eight feet above the town square with lots of retaining walls needing to be put in place.

Market Street – most efficient choice for site do build an efficient court without a great deal of money. Mr. Bennett pointed out that the monies appropriated by the Legislature are all we have. This site is relatively level with some retaining walls. The basic court layout would be roughly 170' X 170' at a minimum. A parking structure could be erected behind Downtown Development that would hold 270 cars.

Jeff Burdette – Ask Mr. Bennett which he would recommend and discussed secure parking underneath Center.

Hugh Bennett – recommended Option 2 – Market Street. Also identified spaces as the secure parking structure underneath the Center.

Motion by John Prather second by Mike Wilson to approve hiring a certified MAI appraiser, motion unanimous.

Barty Bullock - appointed a sub-committee of himself and Garland Vanhook to seek reasonable bids from appraisers. They will put out request for proposals – judge those on costs and ability to respond in a reasonable time.

John Prather – ask that appraisals be forwarded to committee before the next meeting.

Sara Boswell Dent – noted that since the Legislature is in session we should be very diligent in trying to expedite the process.

Vince Gabbert – Gave financial report. Monies have earned \$47,000 in interest.

Garland Vanhook – Set the next regularly scheduled meeting for March 27, 2007.

Motion by Garland Vanhook second by Sara Boswell Dent to adjourn, motion unanimous.